

Iraq Fiscal Responsibility

Staying and Paying in Iraq

We are spending \$8 billion a month in Iraq. That equates to 2 billion dollars a week, or 267 million dollars a day, or 11 million dollars AN HOUR.

The following are some comparisons between what we are spending in Iraq, and what those funds could be use for instead.

NATIONAL SECURITY

\$33.1 billion/yr

(4 months in Iraq)

Department of Homeland Security FY 07 budget

\$10 billion (1-time)

(5 weeks in Iraq)

Equipping commercial airliners with defenses against shoulder fired missiles

\$8.6 billion/7 years

(one month in Iraq)

Shortage of international aid needed to rebuild Afghanistan

\$5.2 billion (1-time)

(3 weeks in Iraq)

Estimated need for capital improvements to secure public transportation system (trains, subways, buses)

\$1.5 billion/year

(5 days in Iraq)

Radiation detectors needed at all US ports (rejected due to cost)

\$1.4 billion/ year

(5 days in Iraq)

Double the COPS (community police grants) program

\$800 million/year

(72 hours in Iraq)

Public transportation personnel training and technical support

\$700 million/year

(2 days in Iraq)

100% screening of all air cargo - rejected because of cost (1/4 of domestic shipping and 1/2 of international shipping is done on passenger planes)

\$350 million (1-time)

(1.2 days in Iraq)

Make emergency radio systems interoperable (recommended after 9/11 but hasn't happened yet)

\$500 million/year

(2 days in Iraq)

Double the firefighters grant program

\$94 million/year

(8-1/2 hours in Iraq)

Restore cuts to cities hit on 9/11 in Homeland Security budget

HEALTH CARE/VETERANS

\$36 billion/5 years

(4-1/2 months in Iraq)

Reduction for Medicare spending in President's FY 07 budget

\$5 billion/5 years

(2-1/2 weeks in Iraq)

Cut in Medicaid in President's FY 2007 budget

\$2.5 billion/5 years

(9 days in Iraq)

VA health care premium increases in this year's budget. Premiums will double and triple and drug co-payments will increase, costing our military retirees \$2.4 billion over 5 years

\$100 million

(9 hours in Iraq)

Additional funding recommended for mental health research for Veterans

\$48 million

(half a day in Iraq)

Medical and prosthetic research for Veterans

\$65 million/yr

(6 hours in Iraq)

National Institutes of Health research funding cuts in this year's budget (scientists are leaving the field of health research because funding has been cut so severely)

\$15 billion/yr

(1-1/2 weeks in Iraq)

Provide health insurance to 9 million children with no health insurance

\$118 million/yr

(12 hours in Iraq)

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which provides nutritional food packages for less than \$20 a month to more than 400,000 elderly people - eliminated in the President's budget

EDUCATION

\$3.4 billion/yr

(13 days in Iraq)

Cut in education budget in President's FY 07 budget from FY 06 funding level (over 40 programs including drug-free schools, federal support for the arts, technology and parent-resource centers).

\$664 million/yr

(2-1/2 days in Iraq)

Perkins Loan program cut in President's FY 07 budget (would help 463,000 low-income students attend college)

\$99 million/yr

(9 hours in Iraq)

Even Start (eliminated in President's budget)

ENVIRONMENT/INFRASTRUCTURE

\$300 million

(1 day, 3 hours in Iraq)

President's cut to EPA budget in FY 2007

\$253 billion/30 years

(2 years in Iraq)

Clean up contaminated sites in US (Up to 350,000 contaminated sites will require cleanup over the next 30 years according to a report released by the EPA.)

\$9.11 billion

(1 month, 10 days in Iraq)

National Park Service maintenance backlog

\$6 billion

(3 weeks in Iraq)

Forest Service maintenance backlog

\$2 billion

(2 weeks in Iraq)

Fish and Wildlife Service maintenance backlog

\$47.2 billion/yr

(6 months in Iraq)

Miscellaneous user fees throughout government imposed by President's budget on taxpayers

\$1.7 billion/yr

(1 week in Iraq)

Grants to states cut in 2007 budget

\$15 million/yr

(1.3 hours in Iraq)

Double the Save America's Treasures program (cut in half from last year's budget)

DEFENSE

\$6 billion

(3 weeks in Iraq)

Double the number of Navy ships we are buying in the 2007 bill -
from 6 ships to 12.

\$8 billion

(1 month in Iraq)

Double the number of total Air Force aircraft we are buying in this bill. That's right - we could double the number of F-22s, Joint Strike Fighters, C-130's, Global Hawks and Predators we are buying. Or, we could

double the number of Navy and Marine Corps aircraft we are buying - F-18s, V-22s, KC-130Js, and so on.

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